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1. Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfelder Strasse, Naumburg (M 52/J 89):

a. The following service colors and insignia were observed, listed in the order of their frequency:

Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia

Black-bordered black epaulets with signal and engineer insignia

Dark-blue-bordered-black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

- b. The barracks are said to be occupied as follows:

(1) Division headquarters or elements of it (headquarters elements seem also to be located on Luxemburgstrasse, near the barracks, and others in the street triangle formed by Jakobsring, Kollwitzstrasse and Friedenstrasse. Intensive traffic of officers and passenger cars, also telephone lines, were observed between the three mentioned localities).

(2) AA artillery unit with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia.

(3) Small signal unit, presumably an element of the signal unit quartered on Breitscheitstrasse.

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(4) Small engineer unit, belonging to the unit in the northern barracks on Flemmingerweg and in the former ordnance depot.

(5) Supply unit with dark-blue-bordered black epaulets.

c. The troops in the barracks were estimated at 1,500. Canvas-covered 37-mm AA guns were again observed in the barracks yard. Truck [REDACTED] was identified.

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2. Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse:

a. The following service colors were observed listed in the order of their frequency:

Black-bordered red epaulets

Red-bordered black epaulets

Black-bordered black epaulets.

b. The barracks were allegedly occupied as follows:

(1) Regimental headquarters with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets.

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(2) Regimental units with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets and with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] They included a small engineer and a small signal unit.

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(3) One rifle battalion with black-bordered red epaulets.

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c. The troops in the barracks were estimated at 800. Trucks [REDACTED]

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3. Northern barracks on Flemminger Weg:

a. Allegedly occupied by the following units:

(1) Headquarters and regimental units of one or two rifle regiments with red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets.

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(2) Artillery unit with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia.

(3) Engineer unit with black-bordered black epaulets and engineer insignia.

(4) AT artillery unit with red-bordered black epaulets, equipped with SU-76 guns.

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(5) Reconnaissance unit with red-bordered black epaulets.

(6) Supply unit employing German civilians.

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(7) Hospital, allegedly a division hospital, with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and ambulance

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(8) AAA unit, probably belonging to the unit in the Bismarck Kaserne.

b. Close-order drill and training with 37-mm AA guns were observed in the barracks yard.

c. The following

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) trucks) truck
) ambulance
) passenger car.

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4. Southern barracks on Flemminger Weg:

a. Occupied by about 2,000 troops, allegedly of at least two rifle regiments, the regimental units of which were stationed in the northern barracks on Flemminger Weg.

b. The following motor

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passenger car.

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5. Barbara Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse:

Occupied by a signal unit of about 400 men, allegedly a corps signal unit, equipped with motor vehicles

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was parked in the barracks yard.

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6. Barracks on Nordstrasse:

Occupied by about 250 troops, allegedly a signal unit.

7. Oberlandesgericht:

a. Allegedly occupied by a corps headquarters, the command echelon of which was in the Ross Hotel.

b. The court building also housed a guard company of the rifle unit in the southern barracks on Flemminger Weg.

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c. Trucks [REDACTED] were identified in front of the court building.

8. Heereszeugamt (ordnance depot) on Kroppenthalstrasse:

a. The depot was comprised of two dwelling blocks and a four-story warehouse, the windows of which were being walled up. It was occupied by about 250 men of a unit with red-bordered black epaulets, allegedly belonging to the regimental units in the Hindenburg Kaserne, and an engineer unit which probably also belonged to the regimental units in the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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b. Truck [REDACTED] carrying two about 4-meter-long and 1.8-meter-wide pontoons, was observed entering the ordnance depot.

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Trucks [REDACTED] were identified.

9. AA gun emplacement at the cemetery on Weissenfalscher Strasse:

The four-gun emplacement was prepared, as it has been during the previous year. However, no guns had been moved in.

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[REDACTED] Comments:

a. General:

The billeting area of the 57th Mtz Rifle Div includes the military posts of Naumburg, Weissenfels and Gotha. Most of the component units of

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the division are assumed to be stationed in Naumburg and Weissenfels; some small units are believed stationed in Gotha. Recent information from Naumburg and Weissenfels was based on the [REDACTED]. Information on the Gotha military post was so scarce that no definite data on the occupation of that town are available. It is assumed that the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, which was confirmed in Gotha by a deserter in the Summer of 1949, may have been transferred to Naumburg during the Winter of 1949/1950. The vacant quarters in Gotha were probably occupied by Volkspolizei.

b. Troops in Naumburg.

The detailed information which covers a long period of time and which is considered credible because of source's usual reliability, indicates that the following headquarters and units are stationed in Naumburg:

(1) Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in the Oberlandesgericht and the Ross Hotel.

(2) 27th Gds Sig Bn/XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in the Barbara Kaserne.

(3) Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the Bismarck Kaserne.

It appears possible that other elements of the headquarters may be in buildings on the mentioned streets.

(4) Two rifle regiments (170th and 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regts) in the Hindenburg Kaserne and in one of the two barracks north and south on Flemminger Weg.

(5) Other elements of the division (artillery unit (655th How Arty Regt ?) and ? No. Engr En and ? No. AAA Bn of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div) in the northern barracks on Flemminger Weg and in the former ordnance depot, which was reported for the first time to be occupied.

(6) 89th Gds Sig Bn/57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the MG Kaserne on Nordstrasse. The signal unit in the Bismarck Kaserne is believed to belong to the signal battalion in the MG Kaserne (elements of the division signal battalion at the division headquarters) rather than to the signal battalion in the Barbara Kaserne on Breitscheitstrasse.

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(7) ? No. AAA Unit in the Lindenburg Kaserne which,
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[REDACTED] a component
unit of the 57th Cds Mz Rifle Div. It belongs
to an unidentified unit which may be directly
assigned to the GCFG.

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